

### MICHIGAN VOTES TO STAY BONE DRY

Rejects Proposed Amendment to Legalize Sale of Light Wine and Beer

ELECTION WON BY G. O. P.

By the Associated Press

Detroit, Mich., April 8.—Casting the heaviest vote ever recorded at a biennial spring election, Michigan electors, on the face of incomplete returns early today, rejected yesterday a proposed amendment to modify the prohibition law, adopted a \$50,000,000 road building program and gave the Republican ticket of minor state officers an overwhelming majority. The feminine vote, a factor for the first time in a state election, figured prominently on the liquor amendment.

Returns from approximately one-fourth of the precincts in the state indicated that the vote would exceed 700,000. So intense was interest in the proposed amendment to legalize the sale of light wine and beer that no attempt was made in newspaper offices up to early today to tabulate the vote for state officers, headed by two justices of the supreme court.

Figures compiled this morning on the wine and beer amendment showed that in 533 precincts out of 2300 in the state, 138,557 votes had been recorded against and 30,823 in favor of the proposal. Wayne county (Detroit) voted not by a large majority, but it was conceded by supporters of the amendment that an unusually large margin in unreported precincts would be required to save it from defeat. The vote in Wayne was 47,954 for and 23,732 against in 202 out of 364 precincts.

The proposal to bond the state for \$50,000,000 to be used in the construction of good roads, seemingly carried by three to one, support for the project coming from the cities as well as the rural districts.

The proposed purchase by the city of Detroit of the local lines of the Detroit United Railway, at a cost of \$31,500,000, was rejected, according to almost complete unofficial returns. With but sixteen precincts missing and 60 per cent of the vote required to carry, the figures stood 56,691 in favor of the plan and 64,174 against it.

Pershing to Visit Italy's King  
Rome, April 8.—(By A. P.)—General Pershing has accepted an invitation from the Italian Government to visit the king in May. The American commander will be accompanied by Colonel Lloyd Griscom, formerly ambassador at Rome.

### SIMS SAYS CONVOYS TRUMPED FOES' HAND

Admiral Who Led United States Fleet Says Germans Were Winning When Transports Started

Arriving at New York, He Describes How He Went Abroad Under Assumed Name to Avoid Publicity

New York, April 8.—The convoy system, which many navy men had termed impracticable, overcame the German submarine menace and figured tremendously in the winning of the war, Rear Admiral William S. Sims, commander-in-chief of the American navy's forces in European waters, said yesterday on his arrival here aboard the British liner Mauretania.

Death charges and listening devices, he said, contributed materially to success in maintaining practically unbroken the transatlantic "bridge" of transports and supply ships essential to the Allied victory, as did the "magnificent work" of the merchant seamen, who "took their cargoes across, contrary to all odds."

But it was the convoying scheme, worked out to a fine detail by the combined fleets of the associated powers, the officer asserted, which made possible the transportation and supplying of the great American force, whose appearance in battle with the Allies turned the tide against the German invaders on the western front. "Germany was winning the war," the admiral stated, when he arrived in England the day after the United States became a belligerent. "Treason interference with Allied shipping, he added, was a serious problem, solved only when conferences of the British, American and Allied commands worked out and put into practice the system of protecting vital ships which prevailed until the cessation of hostilities.

Returns as Rear Admiral  
A vice admiral while he was abroad, under a temporary ranking, Mr. Sims returned in the uniform of a rear admiral—his rank before the war.

When he left the Mauretania, whose progress into the harbor was marked by a reception as picturesque as it was eloquent of the nation's and city's tribute to a home-coming victor, the rear admiral boarded the navy yacht Aramis and stepped into the circle of his family.

A great fleet of airplanes, their wings flashing in the sun which succeeded the morning's fog, heralded the approach of the transport bearing the admiral, his staff and 12,000 troops, and escorted by a flotilla of destroyers and smaller naval craft.

How Admiral Sims, accompanied by one aide, proceeded incognito into England under navy department orders is



REAR ADMIRAL SIMS

named to him two weeks before the United States entered the war against Germany, was told "The Associated Press by the admiral.

On March 21 or 25, 1917, the admiral said, while he was president of the Naval War College at Newport, he was ordered to report "without delay" to the Secretary of the Navy at Washington. Upon his arrival he was received in secret conference with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations.

Sims Sent Abroad  
He was told that it "looked as though we shall go to war," and it was briefly explained that he was to go at once "to see the people on the other side" and reach an understanding as to how the United States best could cooperate with Allied sea forces in operations against Germany. One aide would be allowed to accompany him, he was told, and his identity must not be known until it might be decided to reveal it after his safe arrival abroad.

Commander J. V. Babcock, of Southampton, in., aide to Admiral Sims at Newport, was chosen to accompany him, and both officers immediately laid their uniforms and donned civilian clothes.

"Simultaneously they dropped their names and assumed others 'more suitable to the occasion,'" Admiral Sims said he did not clearly remember what

name he bore on his incognito adventure. "Babcock and I chose 'Richardson and Robertson,' as near as I can recall," he said. "I can't think of the full names, and I am not at all sure that these are correct, but that's how I seem to remember them."

The admiral and his aide sailed from the port of New York, March 31, 1917, on the steamship New York, he said. No one on the vessel recognized them. "News of the declaration of war by the United States on April 6 reached them by the ship's wireless news service. It did not disturb them."

Entering Liverpool harbor on April 11 in a thick mist, the steamship struck a mine and a hole was blown in one of her forward compartments, but the admiral and his aide were "not especially disturbed" by that either.

"They went ashore unnoticed, 'like anybody else.' A special train was waiting in the Liverpool railroad yards, however, with Admiral Hoge aboard, representing the British admiralty."

On April 13 at a luncheon in London the United States ambassador made the first formal announcement that Admiral Sims had arrived in the country. After that the admiral and his aide went about in their navy uniforms and spent most of their real salaries, abandoning the name of "Richardson and Robertson" for all time.

### HELD FOR BORDER COINING

Aged Mexican Arrested in Crude Swindle Totaling \$100,000

San Antonio, Tex., April 8.—(By A. P.)—In the arrest of Emilio Cantu, an aged Mexican, now held at Brownsville, Tex., by immigration authorities, local secret service agents admitted today they believe there has been solved the mystery of counterfeiting operations extending over a period of eighteen years along the Texas border and amounting to at least \$100,000.

Federal officials say that Cantu has made a confession implicating several others. The records of the local secret service office show that for many years there have appeared in northern Mexico, from time to time, crude pen and ink drawn \$20 and \$10 bills which were used in the purchase of cattle in the interior of Mexico. They were given in exchange for cattle to men unable to detect they were spurious.

### AMERICANIZATION IS TOPIC

Specialists Will Discuss Educational Means and Industrial Side

Washington, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Completion of the program for the conference of Americanization specialists, to be held here May 12 to 15, inclusive, was announced today by the Interior Department.

Possibilities of Americanization through educational means will be considered on the first day of the conference, and the following days will be devoted to Americanization in the industries, racial relationships and social aspects of the Americanization movement. Secretary Lane will speak at a banquet on the third day of the conference.

### PALMER TO MAKE NO PLEA FOR DEBS

Defendant Himself Has Not Sued for Clemency—Conviction Was Just

Washington, April 8.—Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer last night declined to recommend the exercise of executive clemency in the case of Eugene V. Debs, whose conviction for violation of the espionage act was recently affirmed by the United States Supreme Court. The attorney general's statement was made in reply to several communications received by him urging executive action. Debs himself, however, has not asked clemency from either President Wilson or the Attorney General.

"I would be doing a grievous wrong to the country and striking a blow at law enforcement," said Mr. Palmer, "if I adopted any course which would interfere with the normal administration of justice in this case."

"Eugene V. Debs has filed no petition with either the President or the attorney general, asking for the exercise of executive clemency. The facts in his case are such that until such petition be made by him I should not feel called upon to consider making any recommendations in his case."

"He was given a fair trial by jury. The charge of the trial judge was entirely fair and, on appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, that court, by a unanimous decision, affirmed the judgment of conviction."

"In this situation my duty is clear. Respect for the law and our institutions is the basis upon which every application for executive clemency must rest. Open defiance of the law and tacit call of force to obstruct its orderly administration call for only one answer. The law must be respected and obeyed. To make sure of that, it must be enforced."

### SLANDER SUIT OPENS

First Gun Fired in \$100,000 Action Over "Spy" Charge

Newport, April 8.—Echoes of the famous luncheon party given by Mrs. Alexander Dallas B. Pratt last October were heard in the Superior Court yesterday in the Codman-Eustis slander suit.

Counsel for Ogdan Codman, of Boston and New York, who is being sued by George Peabody Eustis, nephew of a former ambassador to France, and Mrs. Eustis, for \$100,000 in two cases, demurred.

The suit was filed last October shortly after the Pratt luncheon, at which Eustis alleged Codman called him a "German spy."

Mr. Eustis made no reply. Immediately after the luncheon, however, he hurried to the Codman villa. The butler told him Mr. Codman was not in, but might be found along a certain country road taking his afternoon stroll. Mr. Eustis took the road indicated and met Mr. Codman.

As a result Mr. Codman was taken to a hospital. Shortly afterward the suit was filed.

### ARMY TO "SWAT THE FLY"

Surgeon General Directs Vigorous Campaign at U. S. Camps

Washington, April 8.—(By A. P.)—An energetic campaign for the extermination from army camps and stations of the common house fly will be waged this summer.

A statement today from the surgeon general's office gives in detail instructions being sent to camp surgeons for their guidance in the work. It shows virtually every size and design of trap will be used at every station in addition to liberal quantities of fly paper and "swatters."

The instructions authorize the appointment of each of these among the various buildings at every camp and encampment. Particular attention will be given to kitchens and messrooms.

### GREEK CHURCH FOR UNION

Archbishop of Athens, However, Says It Will Retain Principles

Athens, Sunday, April 6 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—A reception was given at the Episcopal Palace yesterday for the delegation of American prelates, including the Bishop of Chicago, who are

here to invite the Archbishop of Athens to join in a universal church congress at which collaboration in a union of the churches will be discussed. The local archbishop, on behalf of the orthodox church, accepted the invitation of the American churchmen. He said, however, that the Greek Church would hold fast to the historic principles laid down by the seven ecumenical synods and continue to work on this basis.

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